



EFA MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES MARCH 2021

Members of the European Fundraising Association may be associations/organisations in a European country (member country of the European Union or the Council of Europe) who have a core objective of promoting best practice in fundraising and philanthropy, and developing the fundraising profession and industry, who have been accepted by the Board, unanimously and with at least two-thirds of its members present or represented.

Associate Members, not having the right to take part in debate in the General Assembly, are bodies which do not meet the full definition given for Members (above), and who have been accepted as an Associate Member by the Board. Associate Members are not members in the sense of the Dutch civil law.

A Member may participate in General Assemblies, has the right to take part in debate and to vote on resolutions in the General Assembly. Associate Members may attend General Assemblies with a consultative voice only.

These membership guidelines serve as basic information for potential Members or Associate Members interested in joining EFA.

Process of application for EFA membership:

1. EFA shares the Membership Guidelines, Membership Application Form and Information for Members and Associates with potential new member(s).
2. A potential new member sends a completed Application Form together with their Articles of Association, Code of Ethics, brochure or any other relevant documents and information on their membership income or total operational income (if it does not have a membership base) to EFA.
3. The EFA Executive Officer and EFA President evaluate the application and other relevant documents to ensure that they are valid and comply with criteria for EFA membership. The application is then sent to EFA Board members.
4. If EFA already has a Member or Members in the same country as the potential new Member, information is sent about the new application to Member(s) in that country, who are requested to make any comments within a period of 21 days. If no comments are received within that period, EFA will consider there are no objections or questions and the application process will proceed.
5. If there are comments or questions from Member(s) in the same country, EFA will address them with the potential new Member and ask for clarification and comments. Feedback should be provided within a period of 14 days.
6. The EFA Board then shares the responses with Members in the same country and evaluates the application in the light of further comments and suggestions received from Members.
7. The EFA Board, reserving the right to make the final decision on the application, then votes on the application. Acceptance of the new Member must be unanimous, with at least two-thirds of Board members present or represented.

8. The EFA Board then informs the applicant about their decision and notifies all other EFA Members about the acceptance of the new Member. If the application is not approved, the EFA Board will notify the applicant, giving the reasons for their decision.

More information on membership is available at <https://efa-net.eu/membership>.

All applications for membership should be directed to EFA Executive Officer Denise Dawes, denise.dawes@efa-net.eu / Tel: +49 30 4053 6845.

Applications will be evaluated on an individual basis in accordance with these guidelines and EFA's Articles of Association.

EFA Member Benefits

EFA connects the fundraising community across Europe, supporting its members in developing and advancing the fundraising profession within their nation.

We support members in developing internationally-recognised qualifications for fundraisers, accessing discounts at fellow members' events and more.

Membership is open to any associations and organisations in a European country who have a core objective of promoting best practice in fundraising and philanthropy, developing the fundraising profession and industry.

Associate Members are bodies which do not meet the full definition of full membership.

Why become a member?

Become part of this thriving network to:

- Gain practical support for setting up and growing fundraising associations and/or organizations developing fundraising in your country
- Access best practice guidance for fundraising
- Develop accredited qualifications for your nation's fundraisers through EFA's Certification scheme
- Accelerate the development of fundraising in your nation by tapping into European perspective and EFA's knowledge base
- Be eligible for discounts to leading international fundraising events for you and your members
- Make your voice heard – EFA represents fundraisers' needs and views at European level
- Meet your peers from across Europe – share ideas and discuss common ground
- Raise standards – help fundraisers in your nation raise more money for the vital causes they represent
- Take part in debate about EFA's future and participate in General Assemblies
- Take advantage of promotional opportunities in the EFA newsletter Fundraising Europe, e.g. the opportunity to feature one blog, case study or interview per year (working in conjunction with our editorial team and guidelines), submit press releases, and receive one free banner advert per year (should the space allow)
- Market your events via the EFA Events Calendar
- Benefit from a range of additional promotional opportunities with the EFA network (paid services)